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SUBJECT: EC CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST IN COPENHAGEN

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 6547, (B) BRUSSELS 6576

1. RELIABLE FONOFF SOURCES HAVE GENERALLY CONFIRMED
REF A REPORT OF EC-9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE EFFORT AT
COPENHAGEN TO DEVELOP SEPARATE DEMARCHES TO ISRAEL
AND THE ARAB STATES. AS INDICATED REF A, DEMARCHE

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TO ISRAEL WAS DESIGNED TO BE REASSURING CONCERNING

EC-9 INTENTIONS WHILE DEMARCHE TO ARABS EMPHASIZED
EC (AS WELL AS ARAB) SOLIDARITY AND GENTLY CAUTIONED
ARABS NOT TO OVERPLAY THEIR HAND ON OIL.

2. IN THE END, ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ELUDED THE NINE
DUE TO WHAT OUR SOURCES CALLED THE "DEVILISHLY COMPLEX"
CONFLICT OF INTRA--COMMUNITY NATIONAL INTERESTS AND
THE DIVERGENT CONCEPTIONS OF HOW BEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO
A LONG-RANGE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON THE LATTER
POINT, OUR SOURCE SAID THE DUTCH, GERMANS AND SOME
OTHERS EMPHASIZED THAT EC EFFORTS MUST NOT BURDEN
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MISSION IN THE MIDEAST, WHILE
THE FRENCH UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR "SEPARATENESS" OF
EC ROLE. ALL POL DIRECTORS, HOWEVER, ATTACHED
IMPORTANCE TO "EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION" TO MIDDLE EAST
DIPLOMACY.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THERE WAS A STRONG FEELING AT
COPENHAGEN THAT NINE'S APPROACH TO MIDEAST WOULD HAVE
PROFOUND EFFORTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY; A
YEAR AGO, SAID OUR SOURCE, SUCH A PROBLEM "WOULD HAVE
LED TO THE BREAK UP OF THE COMMUNITY." FONOFF REP
SAID COPENHAGEN PC MEETING WAS SERIOUS EFFORT TO
RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. HE SAID FOCUS WAS ON INTRA--
COMMUNITY DIFFERENCES, UNLIKE NOV 5-6 MEETING IN
BRUSSELS, WHERE MINISTERS AND POL DIRECTORS WERE
VENTING THEIR GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE U.S. OVER
LACK OF CONSULTATIONS AND, PARTICULARLY IN THE FRENCH
CASE, BEING IGNORED.

4. GIVEN FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NEXT EC STEPS,
POL DIRECTORS
BUMPED MIDEAST PROBLEM UP TO THE MINISTERS FOR DISCUSSION
AT THEIR NOV 20 MEETING. MEANWHILE, MIDEAST WORKING
GROUP CONTINUES TO OPERATE ACCORDING TO GENERAL
MANDATE TO CONSIDER FOLLOW UP TO NOV 6 DECLARATION,
INCLUDING BOTH INTERNATIONAL PEACE GUARANTEE AND
UPDATING OF EARLIER EC-9 PAPERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.
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